

"TELL MY FRIENDS TO BE BRAVE AND FEARLESS, AND LOYAL TO THE GREAT COMMON PEOPLE."

## CLEVELAND,

The Ex-President Says It  
Will Be a Landslide For  
W. J. Bryan.

Special Dispatch to the Enquirer.

Princeton, N. J., October 29.—Grover Cleveland, former President, in an interview to-day predicted a landslide to William Jennings Bryan, the Democratic candidate for President. He advanced several reasons for this.

For an hour the great Democratic statesman fought shy of any reference to the political situation. He urged that he no longer takes any active interest in politics, and is content to quietly look on. Then our conversation turned to the conditions in the West, and after a little reminiscent talk, Mr. Cleveland said:

"My young man, you will see a landslide for Bryan the morning after election. Of this I am confident."

MATTER OF POLICY.

To this I replied that the indications, according to the Republican leaders, are favorable to McKinley, but he quickly retorted:

"Of course they are. That is policy. What I tell you is my private opinion."

There was no doubt concerning the former President's sincerity in his expressed belief, and when I asked him what reasons he had for so thinking he continued:

"You do not understand the conditions. There are elements all over the country at work which it would be impossible to draw into line for McKinley. In the first place, union labor is for Bryan. Of recent years this organization of labor has been a factor in politics, and it certainly is not favorable to the interests of capital."

SOURCES OF STRENGTH.

"The traveling men are for Bryan. These men, who are a small army, are of the opinion that the Republican party is the protector of corporations and by the amalgamation of industrial interests many of them have been thrown out of employment."

"In the Northwest, in Minnesota, in Dakota and Iowa, there are many Hollanders. Sympathy for the Boers, who are their own flesh and blood, will induce them to support Bryan. See if I am not correct."

"I have no desire to be drawn into any controversy over the results of the election, but if the Republican managers honestly think that President McKinley will be re-elected it is my opinion they are mistaken. They do not know the situation."

Further on this Mr. Cleveland refused to discuss the campaign. He said that Mr. Bryan is a remarkable orator and has a magnetic personality, which is responsible for his tremendous popularity. I asked him what the effect of an oratorical campaign is. He said: "Well, a man who can talk as Bryan does is a successful method. For a candidate who is not an orator it would be a dismal failure."

Mr. Cleveland said that in spite of his political inactivity he had been sought by representatives of all the leading papers, who were apparently eager to obtain his opinion of the situation. He has steadfastly refused, because, as he said to-day, "I am out of active politics."

## Republican Crime Against National Honor and Good Faith

By a vote of 40 to 31 the United States Senate has passed the Porto Rico Tariff Bill, which begins by denying Porto Ricans allegiance to free trade with the United States, and ends by taxing them without citizenship and without representation. Six Republicans—Davis and Nelson, of Minnesota; Mason, of Illinois; Proctor, of Vermont; Simon, of Oregon, and Wellington, of Maryland—were present and voted against this iniquitous measure. Senators Hoar and Pettigrew were paired in favor of the Davis amendment. As for Senators Cullom, Elkins and McCumber, they surrendered their expressed convictions to the false delusion of party harmony.

Thus has been consummated, so far as one house of Congress can, the most remarkable departure from unvarying American precedents, the most unaccountable violation of American good faith, the most insolent affront to almost universal American sentiment.

Let us recapitulate some of the incontrovertibly sound American principles or promises which the Senate vote has overridden or broken:

"All duties, imports and excises shall be uniform throughout the United States."

"No tax or duty shall be laid on articles exported from any State."—(Constitution of the United States.)

"We have not come to make war upon a people of a country that for centuries have been oppressed, but, on the contrary, to bring you protection, not only to yourselves, but to your property, to promote your prosperity and bestow upon you the immunities and blessings of the liberal institutions of our Government."—(Gen. Miles' proclamation to the inhabitants of Porto Rico "in the cause of liberty, justice and humanity," Ponce, July 28, 1898.)

"The highest considerations of justice and good faith demand that we shall not disappoint the confident expectation of sharing in our prosperity with which the people of Porto Rico so gladly transferred their allegiance to the United States. We should treat the interests of this people as our own. I wish most strongly to urge that the customs duties between Porto Rico and the United States be removed."—(Secretary Root in his annual report, November, 1899.)

"The markets of the United States should be opened up to her products. Our plain duty is to abolish all customs tariffs between the United States and Porto Rico and give her products access to our markets."—(President McKinley's message, December 4, 1899.)

"That on and after the passage of this act all merchandise coming into the United States from the island of Porto Rico and all merchandise going from the United States into the island of Porto Rico shall be admitted into the respective ports of each free of all tariffs, customs and duties, all laws and parts of laws to the contrary notwithstanding."

ing."—(Section 8 of Senate Bill 2,264, reported by Chairman Foraker, January 9, 1900.)

"A free admission of her products to the United States (which is now accorded to every other State and Territory and to Alaska, not organized into a Territory) would give her relief. It will not hurt us, but, on the contrary, will give us a market for \$10,000,000 annually, largely of the products of our farms, which will increase as American prosperity comes to Porto Rico. I am heartily in favor of extending this relief to Porto Rico, while I don't in any way commit myself to extend the same privileges to either Philippine Islands or to Cuba."—(Chairman Payne, of the House Ways and Means Committee, explaining the original bill extending free trade to Porto Rico, January 26, 1900.)

"I believe the Porto Rico Tariff Bill is unconstitutional and violates all our agreements with the pledges to the Porto Ricans."—(Ex-Senator Edmunds.)

"I regard the Porto Rico Tariff Bill as a most serious departure from right principles."—(Ex-President Harrison.)

"The attempt to make three-quarter citizens out of the Porto Ricans is certainly original."—(Ex-Speaker Reed.)

But more remarkable than the absolute indifference of the small majority of the constitutional prohibition to the pledges of the highest authorities in the United States and the plain dictates of duty and sound policy is its indifference to the unmistakable sentiment of the sovereign American people.

With one heart, one mind, one voice, the people of the United States, as represented by the press, have protested against the outrage against Porto Rico—the violation of American honor contained in this Tariff Bill. Their protests have been received with contempt, and they have been told, "you are ignorant; you do not understand."

True, they do not understand how the Republican majority has the effrontery to pass a bill which violates all American precedents against the will of a practically unanimous people.

Now we will see if the House, which has to face its constituents within seven months, dares to reaffirm the obnoxious tariff, now that it knows the temper of the American people.

Just as surely as this is a Government of the people, by the people, for the people, the American people will not suffer the obloquy this bill casts on their honor and good faith to be perpetuated with impunity. If the Republican majority permits it, there will be a beckoning with the Republican party by Republicans next November.

### HOUSE BILL NO. 7.

AN ACT to amend section 1469, article 1, chapter 41, Kentucky Statutes, relating to time for opening polls on election day.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

Section 1. That section 1469, article 1, chapter 41, Kentucky Statutes, be amended by striking out the word "seven" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "six" so that said section, when so amended, shall read as follows:

Sec. 1469. The polls shall be opened at six o'clock in the forenoon and kept open continuously up to and closed at four o'clock in the afternoon of the same day; and before receiving the ballots of any elector the officers of election shall

cause to be proclaimed that such election is opened.

Whereas, A regular election occurs on the 6th day of November, 1900, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved October 18, 1900.

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